Office of the Attorney General State of Texas



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OR91-183

Dear Ms. Hall:

You ask whether the social security numbers of city commissioners are subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 11776.

No law of this state or of the United States provides confidentiality for social security numbers. See, e.g. Open Records Decisions Nos. 254 (1980); 169 (1977). Accordingly, Sections 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(2) are inapplicable to the requested information. Therefore, you must release it.

Because prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-183.

Yours very truly,

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Opinion Committee

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